GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:423
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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have announced recently additional assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and allocation of foodgrains to drought affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the existing norms for allocation of foodgrains and assistance for the said States;

(d) the extent of increase between the earlier and the revised norms State-wise; and

(e) by when it is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 423 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21ST APRIL, 2003.

(a) to (e): The following are the details of sanction of additional assistance (announced in March, 2003) from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and the recent allocations of foodgrains (April to June for other States and February to July in case of Rajasthan):-

State	Amount approved subject to adjust-ment of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) (Rs. Crore)	Amount released from NCCF after adjustment (Rs. Crore)	Foodgrain allocated for April to June (Lakh MT)
Andhra Pradesh	224.43	109.79	10.00
Chhattisgarh	61.89	45.99	3.00
Gujarat	150.29	-	1.48
Himachal Pradesh	25.67	0.50	-
Karnataka	61.63	18.47	3.00
Kerala	-	-	0.42
Madhya Pradesh	75.99	39.73	4.00
Maharashtra	46.50	-	1.16
Orissa	61.58	-	3.33
Rajasthan	682.35	622.44	21.00
Tamil Nadu	258.44	199.03	3.00
Total	1648.77	1035.95	50.39

The financial allocations are based on prescribed norms of assistance from CRF and NCCF (copy enclosed as Annexure). The additional financial assistance is on account of the continuing requirements of the States, and the question, therefore, of State-wise increase as a result of revision of norms does not arise.

Allocation of foodgrains has been made in case of Rajasthan to ensure coverage of one individual each from every willing rural household in 74 acutely affected Blocks and to a majority of such households, including all willing BPL families in the remaining Blocks. For other States allocation for the quarter April to June are based on assessment of employment generation carried out by the Area Officers and the Inter-Ministerial Teams sent to these States. These assessments have resulted in additional allocation of 30.56 lakhs
MTs to the States over and above what was due as per earlier assessment.

The amounts due after adjustment of Calamity Relief Fund have already been released.